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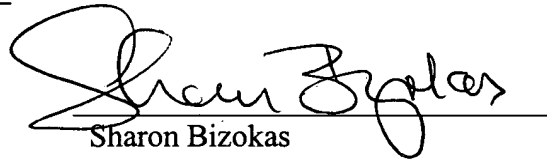
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement of May 14, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group I, which presently includes claims 1-8, 14 and 19-20, with traverse.

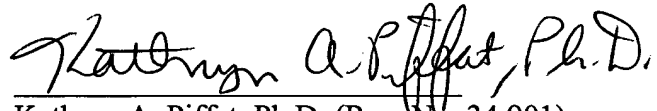
The present election is made solely to comply with the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. It should not be construed as a disclaimer or surrender of any subject matter in the application. The right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims is reserved.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement as set forth.

Although it is not believed that any fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Date: June 10, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn A. Piffat, Ph.D.".

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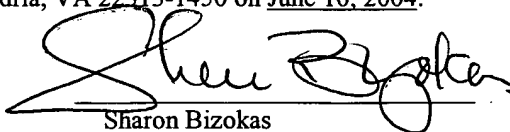
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

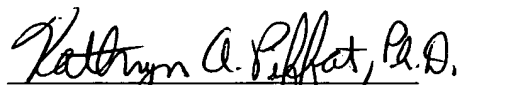
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages);
2. This transmittal letter (1 page)(x2); and
3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any excess fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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